

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 2, 2023, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 2nd day of February 2023 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Recognizing Patty Reitz for Her Dedicated and Inspirational Service
to the Children of the Clarence Central School District**

WHEREAS, it is a long-standing truth that whether we are referring to individuals or society as a whole, we can never underestimate the importance or impact of a random act of kindness; and

WHEREAS, this is especially true in the case of **Patty Reitz**, a school bus driver who is in her 29th year with the Clarence Central School District; and

WHEREAS, what started with a compliment of her crocheting prowess by a high school student years ago has developed into a passion for making cheerful hats for students at the Harris Hill Elementary School and throughout the Clarence Central School District; and

WHEREAS, by her own account, **Patty Reitz has made 7,082** crocheted hats for Clarence students over the years, and while these hats come in all colors, styles, and sizes, some of the most popular are her Santa-style hats that elementary students wear in a group portrait that is displayed on a holiday mug; and

WHEREAS, for so many nervous and wondering young students, getting on the school bus each morning can be an anxious experience, one that is only made easier by the love and kindness shared by **Patty Reitz** through the gift of one of her adorable handmade hats, keepsakes that students often compare to receiving a badge of honor and that they wear and treasure throughout their years in the Clarence Central School District and beyond,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor, celebrate and thank **Patty Reitz** for three decades of exemplary service to the children and families of the Clarence Central School District, and for her genuine commitment to caring for and improving the lives of her students whom she clearly loves and adores.

CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE
Erie County Legislator, District 6